

Pass. We enjoyed the beautiful scenery, a huge cascading waterfall and rock built retaining walls for snow slide protection, cattle grazing on the green carpets of grass, high on the mountain alps. The next village was Les Diablerets, once called "devil town" by a German King of England who studied at the university here at Berne. The architecture of the homes in this part of Switzerland is different. Here there are red, black, and white trimmed stucco chalets with brown roofs. The Chalets that were boarded up belong to wealthy people who come here to vacation occasionally. We saw a field of colorful crocus due to the farmers here using sheep manure to fertilize the flowers. There are sheep pastures high on the mountains.

The French Swiss speak pure French. They seem to be more carefree and happy doing things more leisurely. Switzerland is 15,941 square miles with a population of 6,071,000 people. Sixty-nine percent speak Swiss German, nineteen percent speak French, Ten percent speak Italian, and nine percent speak Romansh, A Latin dialect learned from Rome. Some linguists have listed more than seventy dialects. A dialect varies from one valley to the next. The Swiss are shy and wholesome and enjoy unabashed revelry. They are notoriously thrifty folk. Fifty-three percent are Protestant (Swiss-Reformed) and forty-five percent are Roman Catholic. The Government is a Confederation. The C H stamp on all Swiss cars is the Latin abbreviation for Confederation of Switzerland. Forty-one of the United States are larger than Switzerland. Its flag dates back to the Thirteenth Century. The Red Cross honored its Swiss founder and adopted the banner with the colors reversed. The economy is good. Half the world's watch production is in Switzerland. They export precision tools, diesel engines, chemicals, fabrics, cheese and chocolates, tourism, banking and insurance; also important to the economy is salt, some iron, coal asbestos and an abundance of Hydro-electric power for processing raw materials.

In Leysin, there is an American school, one of several of